

## Peter 'Skeets' Kuzmuk, 94, Loved By Family and Friends

Peter "Skeets" Kuzmuk, 94, of Scotch Plains, N.J., passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019, at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center in Hackettstown, N.J. Peter was born February 25, 1925 in Bayonne, N.J., to the late Nicholas and Anna Kuzmuk. In addition to his parents, Peter is preceded in death by his wife, Elizabeth Kuzmuk.



Peter "Skeets" Kuzmuk

Peter served proudly in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Seabees. After moving to Scotch Plains, he was employed as a sheet metal worker, Local 25, for many years. He served as Post Commander of the Springfield VFW from 2002 to 2006, and was a member of the American Legion Post No. 3 in Westfield. Peter served as

president of the AARP as well as their chairperson on the Community Service Committee, helping to provide items for the Westfield Food Pantry. Later, he served as the first vice president. For many years, Peter was the president of the American Junior Bowling Congress as well as the manager of Echo Lanes in Mountainside, N.J.

Peter is survived by his daughter, Barbara Banes, and her husband, Patrick; his granddaughter, Danielle Banes, and his two-year-old twin great-granddaughters, Skylar Blake and Zya Autumn.

A celebration of his life will be held at the American Legion Hall in Westfield, N.J., on Saturday, June 15, 2019, starting at 1 p.m.

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## Linda Lartaud

### Joins the Life Eternal

Linda Lartaud joined the life eternal on Friday, April 19, 2019, in Charleston, S.C.

She was born Linda Tiffany in Des Moines, Iowa, on July 18, 1944, and grew up in the Chicago suburb of Wilmette, Ill. After graduating from New Trier High School and Washington University she moved to New York City, where she worked in Human Resources. While in New York she met her future husband, David Lartaud. They were married in July 1979 and moved to Westfield, N.J., where they lived for 30 years, raising a family.



Linda Lartaud

Linda worked at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, N.J. She was the office manager for 16 years and was very active in The Presbyterian Church in Westfield. After retiring, she and

David moved to Mount Pleasant, S.C., where she enjoyed her book group, PEO, traveling, and a fun group called Women Who Wine.

Linda is survived by one son, Derek; her spouse, David; an older sister, Terry Sullivan, of Vero Beach, Fla., and many dear friends.

A service of remembrance will be held Saturday, June 1, at 11 a.m., in the chapel of The Presbyterian Church in Westfield, 140 Mountain Avenue, Westfield, N.J. Her remains will be privately interred at the Presbyterian Church Burial Grounds in Westfield.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to: Alzheimer's Association South Carolina Chapter, 901 Pine Street (lower level), Spartanburg, S.C. 29302.

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## Library Event to Spotlight Horticulture Therapy

SCOTCH PLAINS — Members of the community are invited to join Laura DePrado, a registered horticultural therapist and president of Final Touch Landscaping, LLC, for a program on Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m., at the Scotch Plains Public Library.

Ms. DePrado will guide participants in engaging their five senses with plants in a sensory-awakening session. Attendees will learn about the history and benefits of plants through horticultural therapy, a growing field and practice for physical,

social and psychological evidence-based benefits.

This interactive, hands-on program will enable participants to use plant materials while creating an individualized take-home project.

Space is limited and registration is required. For more information or to register, go to scotlib.org or call (908) 322-5007, extension no. 204. The Scotch Plains Public Library is located at 1927 Bartle Avenue, one block from Park Avenue in the center of the township.

## Columbia Bank Receives A+ Rating For Deposit Accounts

FAIR LAWN — Thomas J. Kemly, President and CEO of Columbia Bank, is pleased to announce that the bank has been named to the "2019 Top 200 List of Healthiest Banks in the United States." The special recognition was based on an independent financial analysis conducted by DepositAccounts.com, a subsidiary of LendingTree, LLC.

Columbia Bank achieved an A+ rating, the highest possible ranking in this study. Each financial institution studied is graded on a number of balanced sheet factors, including capitalization, deposit growth and loan-to-reserve ratios. Columbia was ranked No. 86 out of the 5,267 FDIC insured United States banks analyzed.

In making the announcement, Mr. Kemly noted that "Columbia Bank is proud to be recognized as one of the strongest banks not only in New Jersey, but also the United States.

Our impressive ranking by this independent review confirms that Columbia Bank is well managed and run, financially sound and has the necessary resources to deal with a variety of adverse economic conditions."

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## Obituaries

### Gail H. Kellogg, 72, Was LPN; Former Resident of Fanwood

Gail H. Kellogg, 72, of Bay Head, N.J., passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, surrounded by her family.

Born in Cooperstown, N.Y., she was raised there and in Greene, N.Y. She lived in Fanwood, N.J., before moving to Bay Head in 2005. She was predeceased by her parents, Norman and Evelyn Holcomb, and by her sister, Barbara Coffinger of Greenwich, N.Y.

Gail was a licensed practical nurse, receiving her training at C.S. Wilson School of Nursing in Johnson City, N.Y.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, David Kellogg; her daughters, Katherine (Bill) DiAntonio of Milford, Mass. and Kimberly (Chris) McAlindin of Fanwood, N.J.; her sons, Adam (Diane) Kellogg of Wyckoff, N.J. and Aaron "Gus" (Jenni) Kellogg of Fanwood, N.J.; eleven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Gail was a member of the Bay



Gail H. Kellogg

Head Yacht Club, the Metedeconk chapter of Questers International, and the All Saints Church in Bay Head. An avid collector of many things, she was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her warm, outgoing and sparkling personality endeared her to everyone she met. She was a person who genuinely enjoyed socializing with others.

A memorial service celebrating her life will be held at the All Saints Church, 500 Lake Avenue, Bay Head, on Friday, May 17, at 11 a.m. The family will greet

friends at a reception following the service at the Bay Head Yacht Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the All Saints Church or the BHYC Foundation. Colonial Funeral Home of Brick, N.J., is in charge of the arrangements. Condolences can be sent to the family at www.colonialfuneralgroup.com.

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### Albert Westcott Driver, Attorney; Devoted to Family and Community

Albert W. Driver, formerly General Counsel and Vice President of J.C. Penney, and co-founder of the *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, a monthly legal journal that emphasized diversity and pro bono work, died of natural causes on Wednesday, May 8.

From the beginning of his legal career in New York City, Mr. Driver was active on many committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (the City Bar). He further served as chairman of the Corporate Counsel Committee of the American Bar Association and on the board of directors for the Mobilization for Youth Legal Services, providing pro bono work in various areas.

Born August 4, 1927, he was educated on the GI Bill at Yale University (1949) and later attended University of Virginia Law School (1952). After a successful legal career, he continued to promote ethical legal practice and to call for lawyers to become involved in their communities and in social action through the *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel*, a newspaper founded with his wife, Martha M. Driver, a former top financial executive with TIAA-CREF, who served as publisher. The first issue was published in September 1993, and the

paper reached a circulation of 30,000 before it was sold in 2014; it continues now as *Corporate Counsel Business Journal*. For 22 years, Mr. Driver contributed a monthly editorial on subjects that ranged from big data and risk management to technology, cybersecurity and the changing definitions of diversity, and interviewed scores of lawyers about their contributions to the field. In Westfield, he was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Echo Lake Country Club, and the men's lunch group.

He is survived by his wife, Martha M. "Lou" Driver, and two daughters, Martha W. Driver and Sara M. Driver.

A funeral service is scheduled to be held at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 8, at 11 a.m. Donations in Al's name may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church or to Overlook Medical Center. For a church donation, please contact the Reverend Dr. Duncan Johnston at St Paul's, parishoffice@stpaulswestfield.org; for the Overlook Foundation, contact Marianne Devlin, Director, Overlook Foundation, Overlook Medical Center, marianne.devlin@atlantichealth.org.

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## Civil War Photography To Be Featured This Sunday

PLAINFIELD — The Historical Society of Plainfield will host a lecture entitled "Ere the Shadows Fade: New Jersey's Civil War Era Photographers" this Sunday, May 19, starting at 2 p.m. It will take place at the Drake House Museum, located at 602 West Front Street, Plainfield.

During the Civil War era, the then-new ability to capture images resulted in an increase in demand — from soldiers and families — for images of loved ones. More galleries opened and photographers moved to cities and towns. Several notable New Jersey photographers, including George S. Cook and Theodore Gubelman, contributed to the field.

The lecture will be given by Gary D. Saretzky, an archivist, educator and photographer. He will guide the conversation about the evolution of the photography industry and the significance of the images captured.

The Historical Society of Plainfield will have on display a small collection of images by Guillermo Thorn (1837-1920), who moved to Plainfield in 1864. Thorn established a photography studio on East Front Street, and he took portraits and scenes of the Plainfield area. Thorn's images can be found in the collection of the Plainfield Public Library, the Nancy Thompson Library at Kean University, and the Getty Museum.

This program is funded by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, and is in honor of the City of Plainfield's sesquicentennial celebration. Seating is limited and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Light refreshments will be served. This program is free, and visitors will receive a Guillermo Thorn Union County History card. Donations are always appreciated.

Onsite parking is available. For directions and more information about the Drake House and the Historical Society of Plainfield, visit drakehouseplainfieldnj.org.

### Vets Ctr.-VFW Plan Mets Game Trip

KENILWORTH — The Kenilworth Veterans Center and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2230 will run a bus trip to the New York Mets game against the Colorado Rockies at Citi Field on Sunday, June 9.

The cost is \$80 and includes game tickets, round-trip bus ride, and beer, soda and sandwiches on the bus.

The bus will leave the Kenilworth Veterans Center at 10:30 a.m. sharp for the 1 p.m. game in New York. The Kenilworth Veterans Center is located at 33 South 21st Street, Kenilworth.

For tickets or more information, call (908) 276-9769.

### Joseph P. Dzuback III, 67, Family Man; UCC Educator and Basketball Fan

Joseph Philip Dzuback III, 67, passed away surrounded by his loving family in his Fanwood home on the evening of Thursday, May 9, 2019, after a valiant fight against cancer.

Joe was born in Jersey City on May 23, 1951, and he graduated from Westfield High School in 1969. Joe attended Villanova University, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and developed a lifelong passion for Villanova basketball.

After earning an A.A.S. from Union County Technical Institute, Joe began his 37-year career teaching computer science at Union County College. He was a dedicated educator, valued colleague, and an active member of the teachers' union. He was still employed there at the time of his passing.

As a loyal follower of college basketball for over 40 years, Joe began to publish his own statistical analysis and commentary on a personal blog, Villanova by the Numbers. He later was recruited to contribute to the college basketball blog, Rush the Court. He deeply enjoyed analyzing the games and blogging after sitting courtside. Joe

also loved watching and attending games with his family and enjoying his favorite team together.

He is survived by his loving wife, Paula (Marotta); beloved children, Jayne and her husband, David Moody, Emily, and Joseph IV, and his sisters, Mary Ann Dzuback and her husband, Peter Best, Margaret and her husband, Michael Bloomfield, Jayne and her husband, Julian Bibb, and April Heron, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, Joseph and Juanita Dzuback, and his



Joseph P. Dzuback III

brother, John. A celebration of his life and interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 414 East Broad Street, Westfield, N.J. 07090. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home of Westfield. Please go to www.grayfuneralhomes.com to offer condolences.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to the Union County College Foundation, The Joe Dzuback Memorial Scholarship, 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, N.J. 07016 (www.uccfoundation.org).

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### June Catherine Jaffee Mastrian, 91, Enjoyed Family, the Arts, Traveling

June Catherine Jaffee Mastrian passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, with her family by her side. Born and raised in Westfield, she had resided in Plainfield since 1952. She was in her 91st year.

June was a former member of the First Baptist Church of Westfield and also attended the Hyewood Park Baptist Church in North Plainfield. She enjoyed the arts and traveling and will be remembered for her kindness and

love of family.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank, who died in 2006. Surviving are her son, Mark Mastrian; her daughter, Karen Mastrian, and her sister, Barbara Horner.

Services were held at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Avenue, Fanwood, on Monday, May 13. Interment followed at Fairview Cemetery in Westfield.

For additional information or to sign the guestbook, visit www.fanwoodmemorial.com.

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June C. Mastrian

## Trinity Fundraiser Sunday To Aid Mother-Child Health

CRANFORD — The Trinity Episcopal Church, located at 119 Forest Avenue, Cranford, will hold a bake sale fundraiser this Sunday morning, May 19, for the Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) "Maternal and Child Health" program.

Globally, 2.6 million children die each year during the "neonatal" period — in the first four weeks of life. In addition, 800 women die every day from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. Ninety-nine percent of those deaths occur in developing countries.

"The ERD Maternal and Child Health program saves lives by encouraging pregnant women to seek prenatal care, promoting nutrition for mother and child and ensuring that babies receive the recommended vaccinations," said the Reverend Andy Kruger, Priest-in-Charge of Trinity Cranford.

Donations, made payable to "Episcopal Relief and Development," can be mailed to Trinity or dropped off at the church office. "Please help us support these vulnerable women and infants," said Father Kruger. For more information, call (908) 276-4047.

Episcopal Relief & Development, started in 1940, is the compassionate response of the Episcopal Church to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Trinity Episcopal Church, founded in 1872, is a faith-based family church that welcomes all people and strives to "know Christ and to make the Lord known through faith, love, and service." Sunday services are at 8 a.m.

and 10 a.m. For more information about Trinity, call (908) 276-4047 or visit trinitycranford.org/.

Trinity also offers Trinity Episcopal Day School (TEDS), a state-licensed facility serving children from 2½ years through Kindergarten. To learn more about TEDS, call (908) 276-2881 or visit tedscanford.org.

### Red Bulls Game To Benefit NAMI

AREA — Area residents are invited to come out on Saturday, June 1, and support the New York Red Bulls, at Red Bull Arena in Harrison, as they take on Real Salt Lake, at 7 p.m., in the First Mental Health Awareness Night. The event will include a post-game fireworks presentation.

The Red Bulls will partner with New Jersey NAMI/National Alliance on Mental Illness to recognize the NAMI affiliates throughout New Jersey that are dedicated to helping those affected by a mental health condition.

Tickets start at \$27. A portion of the tickets purchased will benefit both the Union County affiliate and NAMI New Jersey to help fund programs which are all free of charge to the community. To purchase tickets, click on https://fevo.me/naminj. Afterward, participants can go to the drop-down menu where they can select NAMI Union County as the affiliate they want to support.

The Red Bulls Arena is located at 600 Cape May Street, Harrison. Ample on-site parking and easy access by NJ Transit is available. For more information, call NAMI Union County at (908) 233-1628 or contact Mike Morabito at mike.morabito@newyorkredbulls.com or (973) 776-8485.

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